

The Parish of All Saints' Ockbrook with St Stephen's Borrowash

Making disciples of Jesus Christ committed to loving God, loving one another and living out God's love in the world

Are you new to our Church?

Welcome to our services, particularly if you are with us for the first time. If you would like to find out more about us, please fill in one of the cards in the pews at All Saints' or St Stephen's and we will be in touch.

Sunday 17th April 2016

4th Sunday of Easter

All Saints'

8.00am Morning Prayer
Isaiah 57: 15-end; Acts 2: 22-end
11.00am Holy Communion
Rev 7: 9-end; John 10: 22-30

St Stephen's

9.15am Holy Communion
Rev 7: 9-end; John 10: 22-30
6.30pm Evening Prayer
Isaiah 59; Rev 2: 1-17



Items for your prayers...

Please pray this week especially for: Jeanette Williams, Rhoda Salisbury and her family, Mark Connor, Eve Allsop, Peter Holt, Barrie and Margaret Wilson, Mick Bailey, Marianne Bailey (following her second cataract-removal operation), Sheila Bye, Terry & Joy Cordwell, Jason & Scott Thomas, Stan & Erika, Catherine Roberts and Elaine Bonser as she awaits a knee operation.

Please also pray for Tom & Julia Ambrose and their family, following the recent death of their daughter.

Pray too for the prayer life of our churches. This will be a specific area of focus through the summer period as we respond to a sense that God is calling us to create much more of a House of Prayer amongst us.

A call to Pray for the Evangelisation of the UK:

In the week leading up to Pentecost the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling for a '*...wave of prayer across our land in all churches...*' In response to this we are having the opportunity to have a 24/7 prayer day from 5pm on Friday 13th May to 5pm on Saturday 14th May. There will be a list available at all our Sunday services from Sunday 24th April. The list will divide the day up into ½ hour slots. You are asked to sign your name against at least one slot and then pray at that designated time. If you wish to get together with others to pray IE a Growth Group, that is fine, and it would be wonderful to have all the slots covered. You can pray at home, or request a church key from one of the wardens or Tim. For ideas and resources to assist your praying, please visit www.thykingdom.co.uk Tim will craft some prayers and specific prayer topics which can be used and will be available via email before the day.

Things you should know about...

Message of thanks from Katy Marron: A big thanks to everyone who came to my baptism on Sunday 10th April, it was an amazing day with God so clearly evident throughout. Thanks for the lovely cards and gifts, I feel truly blessed. So much love for you all. Katy x

Manup Breakfast – meeting at 8.20am at Bartlewood Lodge – Saturday 16th April 2016. All Men Welcome

We welcome Jenny & Freya, their families and friends, as they both come to baptism in the 11am service at All Saints' on Sunday 17th April.

AGM 2016 – Sunday 24th April at 11.15am in All Saints' (following the joint service which begins at All Saints' at 10am): Nomination forms for all elected leadership positions are up at the back of both churches. Do please think and pray about nominating people and if you want to know more about the roles of Wardens, Assistant Wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members. Please note that all the relevant paper work needed for the AGM will be available this weekend, either as attachments via email or hard-copies for those without computers.

PCC Meeting dates: so those considering standing for election at the 2016 AGM can avoid booking holidays on these dates:

2016

AGM - Sunday 24th April in All Saints' at 11.15 am
Tuesday 3rd May
Tuesday 5th July
Tuesday 6th September
Tuesday 1st November (including annual review of all worship services)

2017

Tuesday 10th January
Tuesday 7th March
AGM – Sunday 30th April in All Saints' at 11.15am

Tribute Concert in memory of Michael Rayner-Saturday 23rd April: For the forthcoming concert to be held at St Stephen's we require some bottles of Schloer Sparkling Juice, Nibbles of crisps and Cheese Biscuits. The Wine has already been kindly donated. We have a soprano coming from London, a Tenor from Brighton, a Baritone and Mezzo Soprano as well as a professional accompanist. Please contact Hilary Seeley 01332 673392. Hope to see you at the concert.

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What's w/c 18th April 2016

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| Saturday 16 th April | 8.20am | Manup Breakfast at Bartlewood Lodge – All Men welcome |
| Sunday 17 th | 4.00pm | WOW Youth Group at GLH |
| | 5.00pm | Inspire Youth Group at GLH |
| Tuesday 19 th | 9.30am | Admin meeting at the Vicarage |
| Wednesday 20 th | 10.00am | Holy Communion at St Stephen's |
| Thursday 21 st | | NO Shining Stars at GLH |
| | 10.30am | Stepping Stones at Methodist Church, Borrowwash |
| | 1.30pm | Standing Committee meeting at the Vicarage |
| | 7.45pm | Bell Ringers meet at All Saints' |
| | 8.00pm | Music Group Practice at All Saints' |
| Friday 22 nd | 11.00am | Choir Practice at St Stephen's (note new time). |
| Saturday 23 rd | 7.30pm | Tribute Concert in memory of Michael Rayner at St Stephen's, Borrowwash |
| Sunday 24 th | 10.00am | Joint Morning Worship at All Saints' |
| | 11.15am | AGM at All Saints' |
| | 4.00pm | WOW Youth Group at GLH |
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It would be wonderful to have people regularly praying for our worship services. If you wish to come early and sit quietly to pray in the church buildings, please do so.

A prayer for our services: *O Lord, open our eyes to your presence, our minds to your grace, our lips to your praises, our hearts to your love, our lives to your healing and may your presence be found amongst us always. Amen.*

Some Information and Diary Dates for May 2016:

From May to July inclusive, in our main 9.15am and 11.00am Sunday services we will be exploring the sermon theme: **Acts of Prayer**, looking at how the book of Acts and the expansion of the early churches was predicated on prayer. There will also be details of upcoming prayer-meetings when we can come together as a church family and pray for ourselves, our community, our nation and our world.

Ascension Day Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing: On Thursday 5th May in St Stephen's beginning at 7pm we are celebrating the Ascension with a choir led Holy Communion service. This will follow the Common Worship liturgy and offer space for quiet reflection, choral led sung worship and prayer for healing (with anointing oil), which will be offered with Communion. All welcome; please do come and support.

Sunday 8th May: Within the 11.00am service Ben and Anna (surname withheld at their request because of the sensitivity of the mission context) will be sharing details about their future ministry in North Africa. Their 10-minute testimony will be an inspiring account of how God has brought them together and called them to a specific place.

Messy Church: Our May event is running on Sunday 8th May at 4pm in St Stephen's church, Borrowwash. The theme is *The Holy Spirit & Pentecost* and we will be having the usual mix of arts & crafts, stories, songs and lots of food.

Christian Aid Week (15th -21st May): On Sunday 15th May there will be a joint (Ecumenical) service with the other churches in the parish, beginning at 11am in Moravian Church in Ockbrook. Please note there will be no Hunger Lunch (though refreshments will be served following the service) and there are no 9.15am or 11am service on this day. And please look out for details about Christian Aid week, leaflet distribution and collection points, in our regular news sheets.

Joint Service: There will be a joint service on Sunday 29th May in St Stephen's beginning at 10.00am. Please note as this is a 5th Sunday there are no other services in the Anglican churches in the parish on this day.

Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 18th April 2016

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 19th April 2016. Thank you.**

Other Notices:

Service Rotas and Additional News

Sheets: Please note that this weekend both the Summer Rotas and the Additional News Sheets will be distributed. The latter will include detailed information about a host of activities on offer over the summer period.

Shining Stars will not take place on Thursday 21st April due to all staff being unavailable. The next session will be on 28th April at 9am.

Welcome Supper-Saturday 30th April in the Vicarage beginning at 7pm. All those who have recently joined our church family are invited, please let Tim&Zoe know if you are coming (820084).

Spring Harvest: Recently 43 members of our church family attended the annual Spring Harvest conference at Skegness. Thank you to Ros Weetman for organising this. At the joint service in All Saints' on Sunday 24th April beginning at 10.00am there will be an opportunity to hear some testimonies from those who attended (and it is hoped that even more will consider attending next year).

Funerals at All Saints': Please note that now the work on the All Saints' roofs has commenced, there will be no funerals at All Saints' until further notice. We will use St Stephen's for all church funerals.

Items Required - can you help? We are trying to support someone who is needing to set up home. We are looking for the following items: a fridge, tv and stand, washing machine, wardrobes, chest of drawers, bedside tables, curtains and a lawnmower. If you have any item you would like to gift, please contact Janet Hoban on 01332 668800

Fashion Show: at the Methodist Church Hall on Friday 13th May at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £5 to include a £1 raffle ticket and available from Helen Alexander (574285), Thelma Spence (730952) or from JC Hairdressers.

Easy Fundraising: Has now raised **£632.23** www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Quote: *We shouldn't feel responsible for being unloved by those who should have loved us.*